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Tariff for Her New Job Is Loss of Anonymity

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When Penelope Hartland Thunberg learned yesterday of her appointment by President Johnson to be a U.S. Tariff Commissioner, her first reaction was "gulp."

Two hours later in the East Room of the White House at the President's televised news conference, Dr. Thunberg had cause to gulp again.

In announcing his selection of 1965 Federal Woman's Award winner Thunberg to fill a vacancy on the Tariff Commission, the President unknowingly demoted his brand new Commissioner-designate.

SHE is acting Chief of the Trade and Services Division of the Central Intelligence Agency's Office of Research and Reports and not Deputy Chief of the Agency's International Division of the Economic and Research Area, as the President had been advised and announced to the public.

However, Dr. Thunberg was not sad because the Chief Executive didn't know she, too, was a chief.

"That's a lovely chandelier up there," she said, pointing to one of the historic room's crystal lighting fixtures, "and I feel as if I were sitting on it watching what is happening to this creature."

Her first news of the impending appointment, she said, came at 11 a.m. when Civil Service Commission Chairman John W. Macy telephoned her and told her.

Until last spring the attractive dark-haired wife of a Government coal research specialist had worked out of the limelight for CIA in such fields of specialized expertise as evaluating the economic relations of Soviet bloc countries.



PENELOPE HARTLAND THUNBERG

... eyes on the chandelier.

WHEN SELECTED at that time for the Federal Woman's Award, Dr. Thunberg commented, "How comfortable was the cloak of anonymity that has just swooshed away."

She was subsequently promoted by CIA and brought further into the limelight by joining the ranks of competent women brought to the top by a President who does not approve of "stag government."

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Katie Louchheim, who presided over the dinner at which Dr. Thunberg received her award, was delighted to learn of the Presidential appointment.

"This will encourage young women everywhere to recognize the opportunities in public service," Mrs. Louchheim said. "It's nice to be appreciated but it's nicer to be promoted," she added.

Massachusetts-born, with a bachelor's degree in economics from Pembroke College, where she was a Phi Beta Kappa and graduated summa cum laude, Dr. Thunberg received her master's and Ph.D. degrees from Rad-

SHE TAUGHT economics at Wells College, Mount Holyoke and Brown University. In 1950 she became a research associate in the National Bureau of Economic Research, then joined the staff of the Council of Economic Advisers in 1951. In 1954 she joined the CIA but was loaned back to the Council of Economic Advisers from 1963 to 1964.

With her husband, Howard E. Thunberg, an Interior Department employee, Dr. Thunberg lives in a nearby suburb in Maryland, the state she now calls "home."

She is an independent voter, not affiliated with a political party. The vacancy has existed since the resignation of Walter R. Schreiber, an Eisenhower appointee who served from 1952 to 1964 when his second term expired.

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